

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
FY 2008 Application Ranking Summary - Field Sheet
Forest Habitat Improvement**

Program: EQIP 2002	Ranking Date:	Application #:
Ranking Tool: Forest Habitat Improvement		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Number:	Tract Number:	
<p>Ranking Tool Description: This EQIP Fiscal Year 2008 funding pool is used to assist landowners interested in managing their forest land for non-game wildlife and plant species of greatest conservation need. These species are identified in the Tennessee Wildlife Action Plan and in the Tennessee Natural Heritage Database. In the first year of participation in this fund pool, the participant must sign up for the Prescribed Forestry Incentive Practice (409). Minimum contract size is 10 acres. This incentive practice will be for the development of a Forest Habitat Management Plan that prescribes a wide range of silvicultural options that are compatible with the habitat requirements of species of greatest conservation need and maintain the landowner's opportunities for current and future sustainable timber production. It is anticipated that in subsequent years landowners who have obtained an EQIP Forest Habitat Management Plan may apply for incentive payments for practices prescribed in that plan.</p>		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses: Circle Yes if applicable	National Priority Multiplier is 10.0
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	
		National Priority Score is Total Points X Multiplier:

5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	5 Point(s) Yes or No	Total Points X 10.0 =
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State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses: Circle Yes if applicable	
1. Does your property fall within or connect to a very high or high priority non-game wildlife area as identified by the Tennessee Wildlife Action Plan?	150 Point(s) Yes or No	State Issues Multiplier is 10.0
2. Does your property contain any significant geologic or hydrologic features such as a cave, sinkhole, cliff, boulder field, mountain peak, mesic ravine, river, large stream, creek, wetland, etc.?	150 Point(s) Yes or No	
3. Is your property adjoining any publicly-owned lands that are managed primarily for conservation, wildlife, or forest management?	100 Point(s) Yes or No	
4. Do you have any declining or imperiled forest types on your property, such as bottomland hardwoods, hemlock, native upland pine, spruce-fir, etc.?	100 Point(s) Yes or No	
5. Do you own one hundred acres or more of forestland, or does your property connect to a large block of primarily native, non-monoculture forest that is at least five hundred acres or more in size?	100 Point(s) Yes or No	
6. Does your property have a professionally developed management plan (e.g., Tennessee Division of Forestry Forest Stewardship Plan, Natural Areas Registry Program Plan, etc.) that includes multiple use objectives for wildlife or protection of environmental quality (e.g., prevention of exotic species, soil erosion, water quality)?	50 Point(s) Yes or No	
7. Is the majority of your forest primarily twenty years old or greater?	50 Point(s) Yes or No	State Issues Score is Total Points X Multiplier: Total Points X 10.0 =
8. Are you committed to managing your property in a sustainable manner to enhance forest habitat for non-game wildlife or plant species of greatest conservation need?	50 Point(s) Yes or No	
9. Are you willing to follow a written, multiple-use forest management plan developed by a professional forester or a wildlife biologist?	50 Point(s) Yes or No	

Circle Land Use:	
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Land Use:

Forest;

Wildlife;

Eligible Practice in this Funding Pool	Mark with a X if practice will be used:
Prescribed Forestry	

Ranking Score

Efficiency: 10.0 Local Issues: 0 State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes: The Prescribed Forestry conservation practice (code 409) will be the only practice required in the first year of the contract.

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature
Signature Date:	Signature Date: